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Police Arrest 5 Suspects as they Fled Scene After Armed Robbery

Howard County Police located and arrested a carful of suspects after they fled the scene of an armed robbery that police believe they committed tonight in Clarksville.

The incident began around 10:00 when four masked suspects armed with handguns and rifles entered the Pizza Hut located in the 12200 block of Clarksville Pike. While there were no customers inside, the suspects brandished the weapons and forced the employees into a back area while they obtained money from the safe and registers. The suspects then forced all five employees into a freezer and told them to wait inside while they fled in a white SUV.

One of the employees was able to call 911 from the freezer and provided police with suspect and vehicle descriptions. A patrol officer on Route 32 observed a vehicle matching the description and followed it until officers could make a traffic stop in the 7100 block of Minstrel Way in Columbia. Police determined that the suspects in the vehicle were the same as the ones from the robbery and placed them into custody. A fifth person who was driving was also arrested. Several weapons and money were recovered.

Suspect identities and charges will be released once the suspects have been formally charged.

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